On Stiegler and “Deep” Attention

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I wanted to take a second to comment here at longer length. I am very interested in Stiegler’s “theory of attention” as reflected in TAKING CARE. We read part of what he has to say on this, but not all. And Jeff is commenting here on one of the very deepest aspects of this theory (in my view). I want to signal that when Jeff writes “(for example)” and then mentions that inter- or trans-generational associations can be what is being “activated” in those “long circuits” of “transindividuation” that ARE for Stiegler what attention is, Jeff is indeed alluding to ONE of the “kinds” of circuits that are in play in that “thickening” of an encounter that is truly attentive. The future also matters, as do a lot of other associative registers. I want to tip in two relevant passages here:

This one is the key reference for the idea that Jeff is invoking. And it is part of what we read.
But also be sure to take a close look at this passage, which enriches our picture of what is meant here (this is from just beyond what was assigned...)

The “infinitude” of these circuits is, on my reading, a mirroring of the infinitude of “Being” (in a Heideggerian sense, I think) which scintillates, in the attentional encounter with the small-b “being” (i.e., the “entity”) that is the occasion of the act/situation/condition of attending.